HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE
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SUBJECT(S): BBI Phase I, Need Your Help, Cyber Bits
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1. Upcoming Events/Actions:
   a. BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) End of Phase I Update (Regional Growth Management Committee)
      i. Date: 23 June, 2010, 8 AM to 10 AM, Ultra Networking (0730-0800) (1000 to 1100)
      ii. Event: Presentation by the L-3 Corporation on how to do business with them. Followed discussion of Phase I results. WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT ON ISSUES AS THEY RELATE TO THE BBI!
      iii. Location: Other Barn, 5851 Robert Oliver Pl # 2 Columbia, MD 21045-3728
   b. Doing Business with BWI Airport (West AA County Chamber and the BWI Business Partnership)
      i. Date: 16 June 2010, 8 AM
      ii. Event: The West County Chamber's Small Business Council will be hosting Mike Phennicie, Director of Business Relations for BWI Airport for a seminar regarding how to sell your products and services to the airport.
      iii. Location: Courtyard by Marriott Fort Meade, 2900 Hercules Road, Annapolis Junction (right next to National Business Park)
      iv. Costs: $15/Chamber and BWI Partnership members, $20/non-members, and includes a continental breakfast.
      v. To RSVP: visit www.westcountychamber.org, or call 410-672-3422
2. The End of BBI Phase I:
   a. We are in the process of writing a "White Paper" on the results of Phase I (one year). The White Paper will be briefed to Congressman Cummings, County Executive Ulman and Howard Community College President Kate Hetherington at a BBI meeting on 28 July 2010. We have had some great work during the year by the BBI Staff, Test and Partner Companies, but do not expect to hear the final solutions to all of our contracting challenges. The BBI started out as a 6 month effort and now we know that it will go at least 3 years.
   b. To all of our Partner Companies and our other business friends on our distribution, we value your input and advice on matters related to contracting with Defense Agencies and Defense Contractors. If you have a best practice, a great idea or one of those experiences that will educate us, please send us an email or come in and see us. If you think that our "growth numbers" are crazy, tell us why you think they are wrong and help us see the light!
3. CYBER BITS:
   a. American Forces Press Services, OTTAWA, June 14, 2010 – U.S. and Canadian service members are working side by side in defense of North America and fighting side by side in defense of freedom in Afghanistan. Now officials want to expand that cooperation to the Cyberworld. Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn III is in the Canadian capital to discuss ways the two nations – already the closest of allies – can cooperate to defend critical computer networks and cyber infrastructure. Lynn said the cyber threat to the United States and Canada is real and growing, and affects national and economic security."For most of our history, we have been shielded by geography – shielded by our oceans from attack," he said. "Those natural geographic defenses are of no use when it comes to cyber attack. The Internet can transmit malicious code in the blink of an eye." And intrusions are growing more frequent. More than 100 foreign intelligence organizations are trying to hack into various aspects of the U.S. information technology infrastructure, Lynn said.
   b. A new Army command will soon be responsible for defending Army information networks from threats around the globe. The new Army Forces Cyber Command will be responsible for defending all of the Army's information networks, said Maj. Gen. Steven W. Smith, Director of the Army Cyberspace Task Force. The new command will reach full operational capacity before Oct 1, 2010.